GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GAS PIPELINE FROM VISAKHAPATNAM TO HYDERABAD
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of 600 kilometre length of pipeline to transport gas from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad;

(b) the total expenditure so far incurred on this project;

(c) whether the project is going on as per schedule;

(d) if so, the details thereof and likely date of completion of the project; and

(e) the extent to which this pipeline is useful in meeting the LPG demand of Hyderabad?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(d) The Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad LPG pipeline has been mechanically completed on 9.7.2003.Currently, its pre-commissioning activities are in progress. The project has been scheduled for commissioning on 27.8.2003.

(b) As of July, 2003 GAIL has spent about Rs.326 crore on the project.The total project cost approved by the Board of Directors of GAIL is Rs.490.65 crore.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(e) Presently, to meet the demand of LPG in Hyderabad, LPG is transported through road and railways. With the commissioning of the pipeline an alternative mode of transportation of LPG will be available, which will provide greater security of supply.